

Republicans Helped the Unemployed

**Committee on Ways and
Means**

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Record Federal Unemployment Support Provided by Republicans

- In addition to ongoing regular unemployment benefits, \$23 billion in special temporary extended unemployment benefits were paid to 8 million recipients between 2002 and 2004.
- Under the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation program, unemployed workers received 9 months of total benefits, or up to 15 months where jobs were scarce.

State-by-State Breakdown of \$23 Billion Temporary Federal Unemployment Benefits Paid to 8 Million Individuals 2002-2004

State	Number of Beneficiaries	Benefits Paid
AK	26,507	\$52,519,200
AL	94,815	\$156,220,605
AR	52,464	\$119,645,989
AZ	82,055	\$147,459,634
CA	899,441	\$2,661,064,225
CO	109,598	\$364,001,985
CT	118,413	\$397,995,081
DC	15,792	\$62,971,891
DE	16,944	\$44,277,053
FL	354,936	\$741,634,143
GA	208,091	\$421,851,945
HI	18,952	\$64,115,107
IA	64,212	\$148,500,378
ID	32,846	\$68,650,830
IL	381,981	\$1,312,291,514
IN	141,273	\$331,369,921
KS	48,068	\$188,206,379
KY	80,471	\$228,735,223
LA	68,984	\$136,836,837
MA	340,590	\$1,310,688,341
MD	101,846	\$226,359,551
ME	20,577	\$44,431,145
MI	331,708	\$1,161,946,435
MN	125,040	\$387,629,049
MO	127,226	\$267,205,936
MS	60,168	\$104,859,497
MT	15,343	\$25,908,265
NC	335,515	\$809,431,964
ND	8,880	\$13,203,119
NE	28,491	\$64,083,089
NH	9,547	\$34,390,878
NJ	381,444	\$1,515,453,684
NM	12,505	\$57,625,619
NV	52,511	\$181,973,541
NY	716,142	\$1,893,241,834
OH	235,599	\$727,680,980
OK	56,397	\$146,472,596
OR	150,860	\$667,436,509
PA	421,285	\$1,723,202,662
RI	31,460	\$91,597,403
SC	113,390	\$244,893,174
SD	3,764	\$7,473,913
TN	173,366	\$338,070,621
TX	451,098	\$1,239,127,386
UT	43,447	\$122,318,492
VA	110,656	\$304,366,106
VT	11,571	\$31,378,074
WA	199,729	\$1,231,719,839
WI	129,738	\$383,949,488
WV	27,384	\$64,586,920
WY	2,070	\$11,723,485
US	7,763,030	\$23,243,447,466

Source: U.S. Department of Labor

- **\$8 billion in Federal unemployment funds went to the States to help the unemployed.**
- While being available to assist the unemployed, this transfer kept State unemployment taxes from rising in 30 States, according to the Government Accountability Office.

Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 Special Reed Act Distribution

(\$ in Millions)

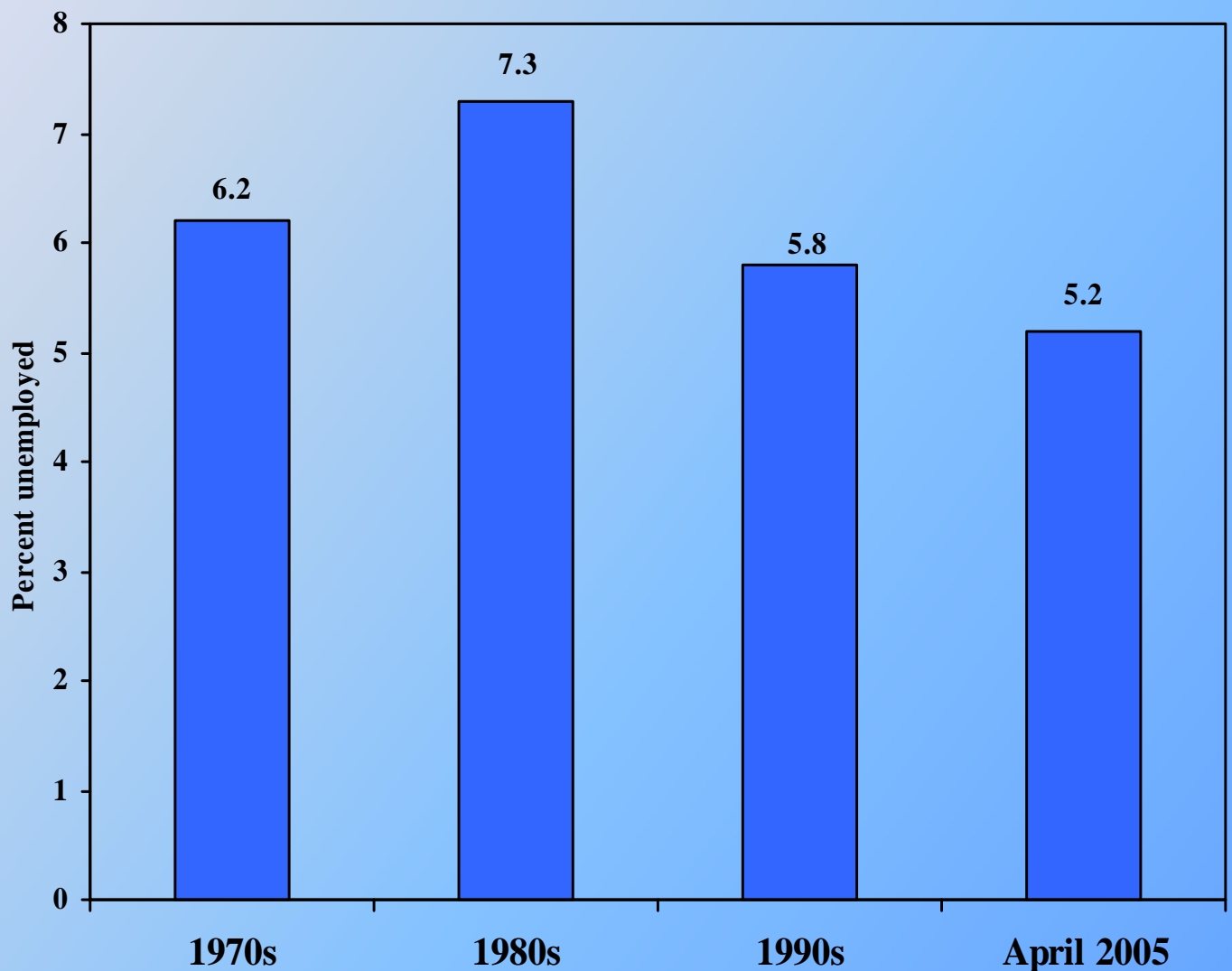
STATE	DISTRIBUTION	APPROPRIATED	EXPENDED	AVAILABLE ¹
ALABAMA	\$110.62	\$1.45	\$0.00	\$109.17
ALASKA	\$14.82	\$9.43	\$2.50	\$5.39
ARIZONA	\$144.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$144.08
ARKANSAS	\$63.96	\$2.17	\$51.80	\$12.16
CALIFORNIA	\$936.87	\$177.12	\$936.87	\$0.00
COLORADO	\$142.67	\$18.08	\$129.62	\$13.05
CONNECTICUT	\$100.42	\$9.00	\$4.13	\$91.42
DELAWARE	\$26.02	\$0.00	\$26.02	\$0.00
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$25.77	\$6.00	\$3.51	\$19.77
FLORIDA	\$449.67	\$15.80	\$15.77	\$433.87
GEORGIA	\$249.67	\$50.86	\$0.00	\$198.81
HAWAII	\$30.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.76
IDAHO	\$32.24	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$25.24
ILLINOIS	\$376.24	\$0.00	\$376.24	\$0.00
INDIANA	\$174.57	\$66.00	\$3.98	\$108.57
IOWA	\$82.40	\$82.39	\$6.78	\$0.01
KANSAS	\$78.17	\$3.57	\$20.12	\$58.05
KENTUCKY	\$103.83	\$103.83	\$1.66	(\$0.00)
LOUISIANA	\$105.50	\$11.87	\$5.26	\$93.63
MAINE	\$32.49	\$9.76	\$1.79	\$22.73
MARYLAND	\$142.93	\$6.32	\$0.00	\$136.61
MASSACHUSETTS	\$193.64	\$14.16	\$187.75	\$0.00
MICHIGAN	\$291.49	\$287.21	\$213.89	\$4.28
MINNESOTA	\$163.06	\$12.00	\$163.06	\$0.00
MISSISSIPPI	\$64.67	\$19.32	\$9.77	\$45.35
MISSOURI	\$161.43	\$0.00	\$161.43	\$0.00
MONTANA	\$18.55	\$4.11	\$6.04	\$12.51
NEBRASKA	\$48.38	\$34.40	\$0.00	\$13.98
NEVADA	\$68.08	\$15.00	\$1.10	\$53.08
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$38.48	\$0.00	\$6.58	\$31.89
NEW JERSEY	\$242.82	\$67.00	\$14.27	\$175.82
NEW MEXICO	\$38.60	\$24.98	\$5.40	\$13.62
NEW YORK	\$491.34	\$0.00	\$491.34	\$0.00
NORTH CAROLINA	\$240.89	\$0.00	\$240.88	\$0.00
NORTH DAKOTA	\$15.27	\$15.27	\$0.23	(\$0.00)
OHIO	\$343.71	\$152.00	\$27.52	\$191.71
OKLAHOMA	\$81.44	\$8.22	\$3.12	\$73.22
OREGON	\$98.03	\$36.40	\$2.53	\$61.63
PENNSYLVANIA	\$337.60	\$25.00	\$22.98	\$312.60
RHODE ISLAND	\$27.12	\$2.60	\$6.03	\$21.09
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$108.20	\$10.96	\$5.70	\$97.25
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$19.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.14
TENNESSEE	\$162.63	\$7.40	\$2.45	\$155.23
TEXAS	\$596.45	\$0.00	\$596.45	\$0.00
UTAH	\$61.63	\$4.69	\$19.42	\$42.21
VERMONT	\$16.40	\$6.00	\$5.96	\$10.40
VIRGINIA	\$214.95	\$30.91	\$111.78	\$103.17
WASHINGTON	\$167.01	\$11.50	\$1.44	\$155.51
WEST VIRGINIA	\$36.21	\$4.26	\$1.45	\$31.95
WISCONSIN	\$166.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$166.21
WYOMING	\$12.04	\$12.04	\$0.18	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$8,000	\$1,386	\$3,909	\$3,339

¹ As of January 26, 2005.

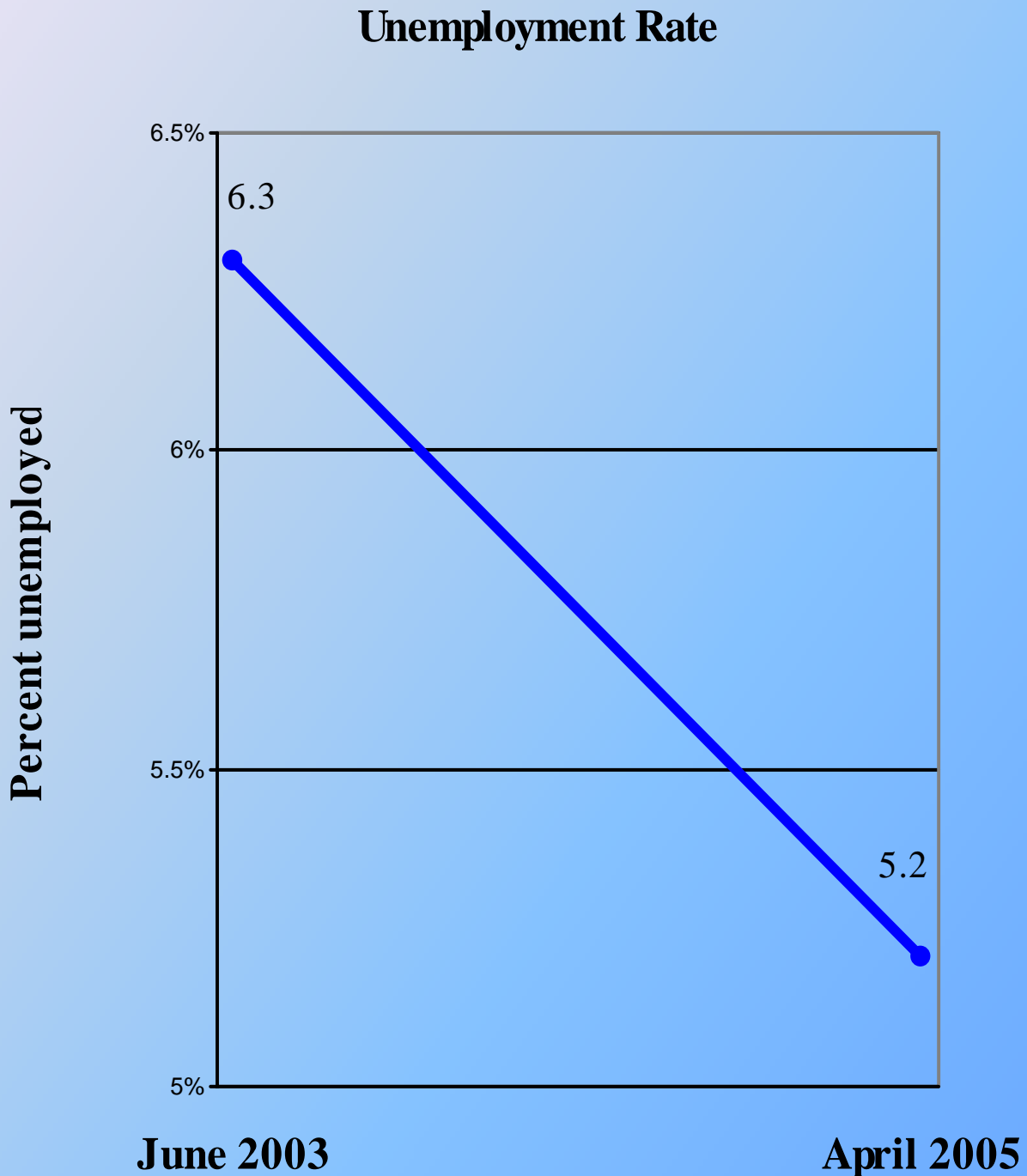
Source: U.S. Department of Labor.

Current Unemployment Rate Below Average for All of 1970s, 1980s and 1990s

Unemployment Rate: Recent Decades and Current



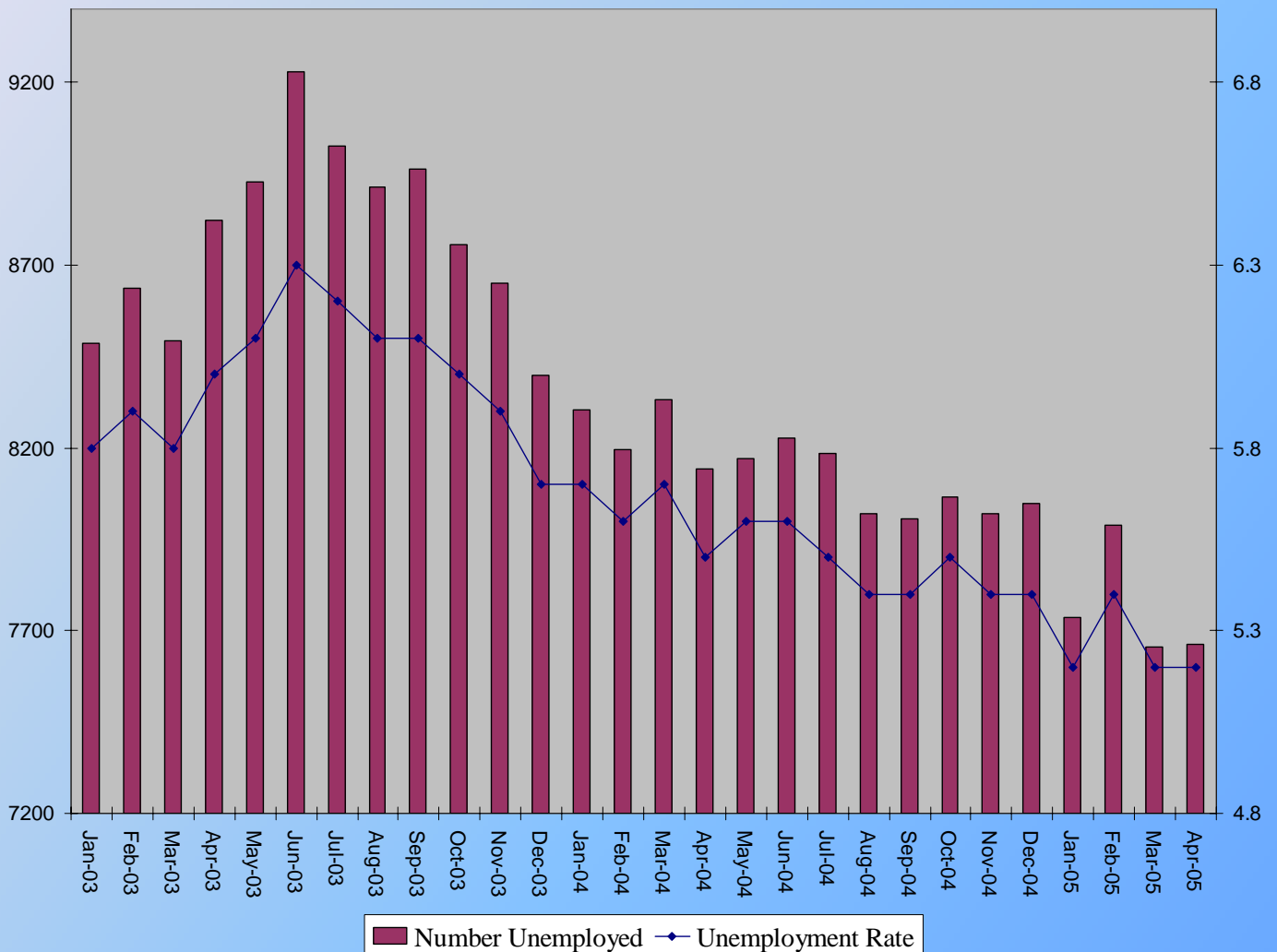
Unemployment Rate Dropped June 2003 to April 2005



Source: U.S. Department of Labor

Number of Unemployed and Unemployment Rate Fell Sharply in Last 2 Years

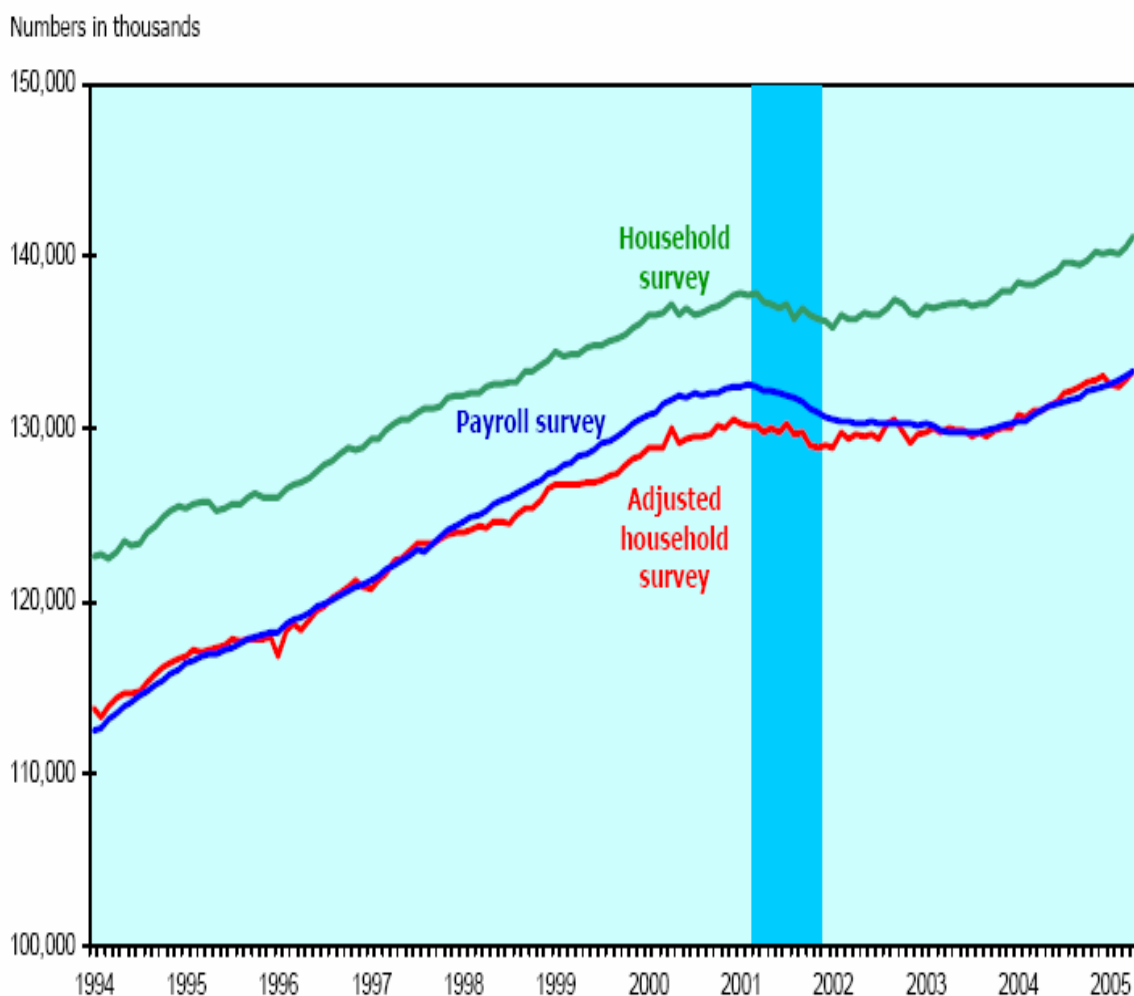
Number Unemployed in Thousands



A strong economy has led to record employment and strong job growth.

- **According to the Payroll Survey, non-farm payrolls grew by 274,000 jobs in April 2005.**
 - 424,000 new jobs alone this year.
- **584,000 new service sector jobs have been created this year.**
 - Professional and business services employment increased by 149,000 since January 2005.
 - Education and health services employment had increased by 66,000 since January 2005.
- **45,000 new goods-producing jobs were created in April.**
 - 136,000 new good-producing jobs created this year.

Household and Payroll Survey Employment, Seasonally Adjusted, 1994-2005

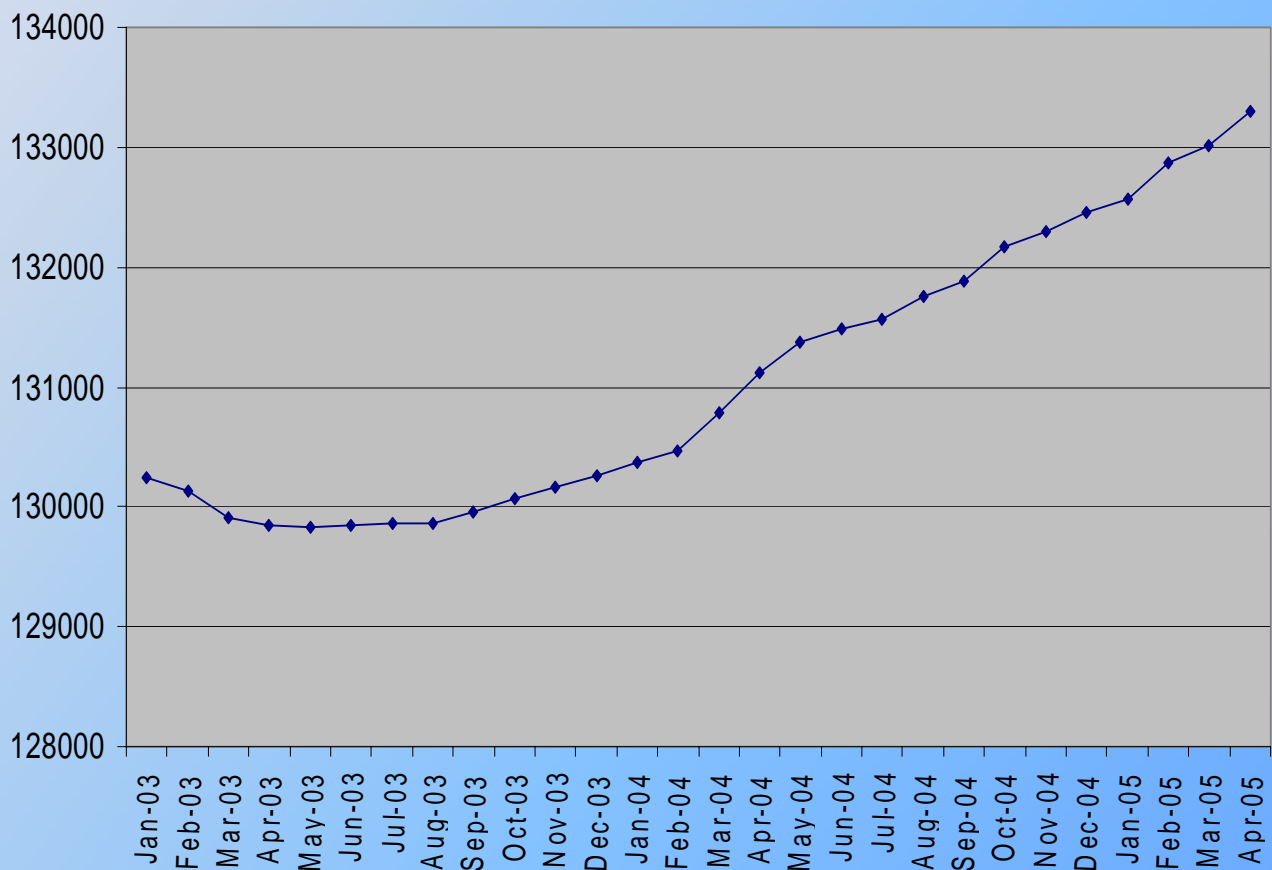


NOTE: The household series presented here has been smoothed for population control revisions. The "adjusted" household series has been smoothed for population control revisions and adjusted to an employment concept more similar to the payroll survey. Shaded area indicates recession.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 6, 2005.

3 million new jobs over the past 2 years

(Payroll Survey)



Over 3.5 million more employees over the past 2 years

(Household Survey)

